

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings and versions of the claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A fastener mounted on a bag, comprising an engaging piece fixed on a lid portion of the bag and a latch mechanism having comprising a metallic surface and a latch member, wherein the latch mechanism is fixed on a main body portion of the bag and is adapted to detachably receive admit the engaging piece detachably, and wherein part of the engaging piece which is provided with an engaging ring for receiving the latch member and engages admitting the latch member and for colliding against the metallic surface, said engaging ring being is clad with a synthetic resin member configured for preventing damage infliction of injury to the metallic surface.

Claims 12-17 (Canceled).

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A fastener according to Claim 11 or 20, wherein said latch mechanism is located on an outer surface of the bag.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): A fastener according to Claim 18, wherein said metallic surface is located on an upper surface of said latch mechanism.

Claim 20 (New): A fastener mounted on a bag, comprising an engaging piece fixed on a lid portion of the bag and a latch mechanism comprising a metallic surface and a latch

member, wherein the latch mechanism is fixed on a main body side of the bag and is adapted to admit the engaging piece detachably,

and wherein the engaging piece is provided with an engaging ring for admitting the latch member and a part of the engaging piece for colliding against the metallic surface is clad with a synthetic resin member.